Public Comment Notice



Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program

July 2012

Termination of Interim Status for Boeing Space Center – Striker Property in Kent

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to terminate interim status for the Boeing Kent Space Center – Striker Property according to the state Dangerous Waste Regulation, Chapter 173-303 WAC, Section 805(8).

After this decision, the Striker Property will not be used for any purposes of dangerous waste management. Therefore, the interim status for dangerous waste management is no longer needed.

Site Background

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Boeing Kent Space Center, located at 20403 68th Avenue South in Kent, Washington, has been used mainly for research and development in support of U.S. Department of Defense contracts since the site was developed in the 1960s. Industrial activities have been conducted on portions of the facility in the past. The activities included electronic/electrical component manufacturing, metal milling, finishing/plating, and photographic processing.

Boeing Kent Space Center is currently an interim status facility under the state Dangerous Waste Regulations (Chapter 173-303 WAC). Boeing is planning to sell the Striker Property, a portion of the Kent Space Center. As shown in Figure 1 attached, the Striker Property includes a portion of the North Detention Pond. All dangerous waste storage units (two in the 18-03 building and two in the former 18-22 building) located on the Striker Property were clean closed in 1994 and 1995. Boeing investigated soil and groundwater conditions on the Striker Property, and conducted remedial actions to remove known contamination from this property.

Comment Period

Comments must be postmarked or hand delivered by:

July 27 through September 10, 2012

For more information or to submit comments, contact:

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WA Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office 3190 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98008-5452 Contact: Sally Perkins Phone: (425) 649-7190

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Ecology's Website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/h

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Ecology reviewed the following documents and made this proposal based on the information available in the documents:

- 1. Report, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, Boeing Striker Property, Kent, Washington, dated November 30, 2010, prepared by Landau Associates.
- 2. Technical Memorandum, Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Findings, Boeing Striker Property, Kent, Washington, dated December 6, 2010, prepared by Landau Associates.
- 3. Technical Memorandum, Supplemental Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Findings, Boeing Striker Property, Kent, Washington, dated April 29, 2011, prepared by Landau Associates.
- 4. Report, Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, Striker Property South, Boeing Space Center, 20403 68th Avenue South, Kent, Washington, dated July 15, 2011, prepared by Landau Associates.
- 5. Report, Independent Remedial Action Report, Former Diesel Generator/Aboveground Storage Tank KSA-46 Area, Boeing Space Center, Kent, Washington, dated September 2, 2011, prepared by Landau Associates.
- Letter Report from J. Flaherty, Boeing to B. Maeng, Ecology, dated October 11, 2011(9L-22-410-JLF-172) – Evaluation of Arsenic in Groundwater, Striker Property South, Boeing Space Center, Kent, Washington.
- 7. Technical Memorandum, North Detention Pond Sampling Results, Boeing Striker Property, Kent, Washington, dated December 12, 2011, prepared by Landau Associates.
- 8. Letter from J. Flaherty, Boeing to B. Maeng, Ecology, dated March 16, 2012 Additional Evaluation of Arsenic in Groundwater, Boeing Space Center Area, Kent, Washington.

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Dangerous Waste Constituent of Concern

Groundwater arsenic is the only constituent of concern that exceeds the state cleanup level. Elevated concentrations of arsenic at the Striker Property are localized and isolated in several different locations, and the concentrations are consistent with the area wide pattern of arsenic in groundwater in the vicinity of the Boeing Kent Space Center.

Restrictive Covenant

A restrictive covenant will be recorded with King County to restrict any use of groundwater on or from the Striker Property, including domestic, agricultural and industrial use. Therefore, the arsenic present in groundwater at the Striker Property does not pose a potential threat to human health or the environment.

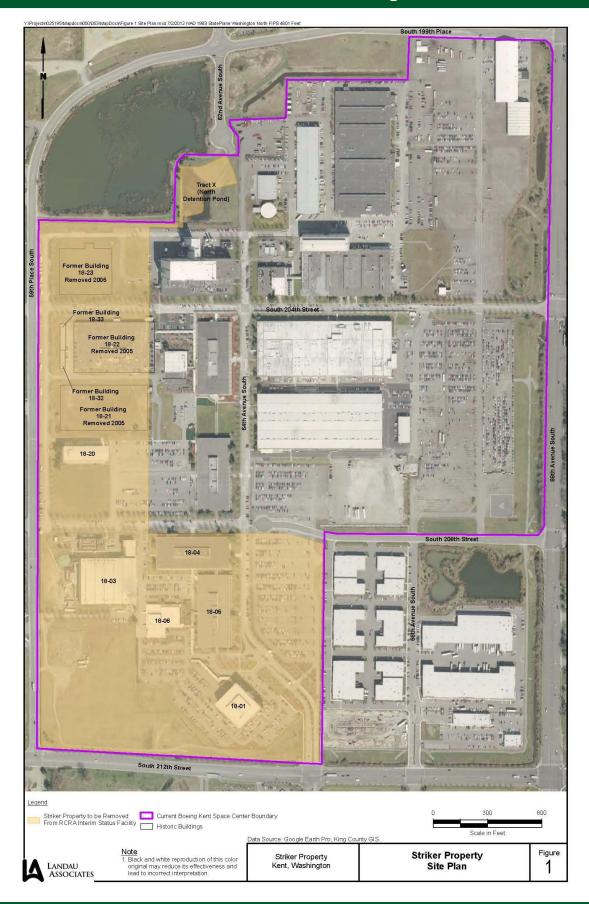
State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

As the proposal is to eliminate interim status, a SEPA review is not required.

For More Information

If you have questions about this proposal, please contact Byung Maeng, at (425) 649-7253 or bmae461@ecy.wa.gov.

Ecology will hold a public meeting to discuss this proposal if ten or more people submit a written request before the end of the comment period. Written requests must be received by September 10, 2012. Please include the nature of the issue(s) to be raised in the meeting.



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Ecology Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Termination of Interim Status:

Boeing Space Center – Striker Property Kent, Washington

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